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SUBJ: TRADE UNIONISTS MAKE DRAMATIC ANNOUNCEMENTS UPON RETURN FROM  
UNITED STATES

1. NEWSPAPERS REPORTED NOVEMBER 13 & 14 THAT SOUTH AFRICAN TRADE UNIONISTS IN UNITED STATES TO ATTEND AFL-CIO BIENNIAL CONVENTION IN OCTOBER MADE FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENTS UPON THEIR RETURN TO SOUTH AFRICA: FIRST, THAT THEY HELD MEETINGS IN NEW YORK WITH 26 REPRESENTATIVES OF U.S. FIRMS WITH INTERESTS IN SOUTH AFRICA AT WHICH LATTER AGREED TO CONTINUE TO INVEST IN SOUTH AFRICA AND AT WHICH ALL BUT ONE PROMISED TO COOPERATE WITH EFFORTS TO ORGANIZE BLACK UNIONS. SECOND, THAT THEY WERE INSTRUMENTAL IN GETTING AFL-CIO TO AMEND RESOLUTION ON SOUTH AFRICA IN SUCH A WAY AS TO REPLACE PROPOSED REFERENCE TO SACTU AS "THE ONLY TRADE UNION MOVEMENT WHICH IS RECOGNIZED BY THE BLACK SOUTH AFRICANS AND THE UNITED NATIONS" WITH UNQUALIFIED PLEDGE TO SUPPORT ANY TRADE UNIONS "INSIDE OR OUTSIDE SOUTH AFRICA" WHICH OPPOSE APARTHEID. THIRD, THAT CONVENTION NEVERTHELESS FORMALLY ENDORSED ILO'S STRONGLY ANTI-SOUTH AFRICA RESOLUTION OF LAST JUNE. FOURTH, THAT SOUTH AFRICANS MADE SUCH FAVORABLE IMPRESSION ON THIRD WORLD TRADE UNIONISTS AT CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON WHICH TOOK PLACE PRIOR

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AFL-CIO CONVENTION THAT THEY FELT JUSTIFIED IN REFERRING TO IT AS

"BREAKTHROUGH". FIFTH, THAT AFL-CIO EXECUTIVE COUNCIL PLANNING TO CONSIDER AT ITS NEXT MEETING WHETHER OR NOT TO SEND HIGH-LEVEL DELEGATION TO SOUTH AFRICA SIMILAR TO THAT RECENTLY SENT BY BRITISH TUC.

2. CONGEN WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS ON EXTENT TO WHICH TRADE UNIONISTS STATEMENTS REFLECT WHAT ACTUALLY TOOK PLACE.  
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